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**WM. S. HART**

(and his wonderful horse, "Fritz")

—in—

### "The Narrow Trail"

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### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers.

Malcolm Wilcox spent Christmas in Detroit with friends.

Miss Mabel Killen of Saginaw visited with Alma friends Wednesday.

Chas. Ray in "The Son of His Father,"—Idlehour, New Years Day—adv.

Watch the horse Wm. S. Hart rides in "The Narrow Trail,"—Idlehour, Sunday and Monday—adv.

Miss Gladys Bradner left this morning for a visit with relatives in St. Johns.

Jack Lowing of Camp Custer, is spending the holidays with his wife in this city.

Miss Beulah Parr, who is teaching at Wyandotte, is visiting with Alma friends during the holidays.

Wm. S. Hart in his latest and greatest picture, "The Narrow Trail,"—Idlehour, Sunday and Monday—adv.

Miss Hilda Downing has left for Washington, D. C., where she has accepted a civil service position.

A. B. Sheldon of Alma college left this morning on a short business trip in the interests of the college.

Private Alfred Rhodes of Camp Custer spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhodes.

Miss Helen Parr, who is attending the Kalamazoo Normal this year, is spending the holidays with friends in this city.

William Bittner of Lowell spent Christmas in this city, a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bittner.

Henry F. Cooper, manager of the "Man from Michigan" store in this city, spent Christmas with his wife in Muskegon.

Miss Mildred Cash, who is attending M. A. C. this year, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Cash.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Helmer of Parma are spending the holidays in Alma, guests at the home of their son, Prof. Harry Helmer and family.

F. W. Ruggles, president of the Republic Motor Truck company, returned the latter part of last week from a business trip to Washington.

Beth Holmes, who is attending school in Monroe this year, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Holmes of this city.

The Alma fire department was called out twice yesterday, once in the morning and once in the afternoon, neither time having a fire that caused any great damage.

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### A Map Puzzle.

A few years ago two brothers who lived in a city of twenty thousand inhabitants made a big saw puzzle of their city from a colored map of their city glued to a thin piece of board. By playing the game of putting the free-giving little pieces together, relates the Youth's Companion, they soon learned the names of the different streets, avenues, parks, public buildings, factories and churches as they appeared on the map, and before long they could point to any one of the places and name it. Recently the brothers have formed a partnership in the business of delivering parcels, hand-bills and messages. They are famous for quick service—they can go unerringly and swiftly to any place in the city. Their map game has proved to be of practical value. Other boys who may have no intention of starting a delivery service will find the game interesting, and will also discover its practical value for a thorough knowledge of the region round you, whether it be country, town or thickly settled city, always being some advantage to its possessor.

### Odd Church Bells.

A curious story is told of the bells of Messingham church, England. It is said that a long time ago a traveler passing through Messingham noticed three men sitting on a stile in the churchyard and calling out, "Come to church, Thompson!" "Come to church, Brown!" "Come to church, Wilkins!" And so on. Greatly surprised, the traveler asked what it meant. He was told the place having no bells they called the folk to church in this way. The traveler remarked that it was a pity that so fine a church should be without bells, and at the same time asked the men if they could make three for the church if he would pay for them himself. They readily agreed to do this. By trade the three men were a tinker, a carpenter and a shoemaker. When next the traveler passed that way he found the three men ringing three bells, which said "Ting, tonk, pluff," being made respectively of tin, wood and leather.

### Shoe-Lace Annoyances.

The tips on shoe laces are a real annoyance to women, both because they often come off, leaving a fringed end, and because when they are on and tucked in the top of the shoe they frequently tear the stockings. One ingenious girl has freed herself of all such trouble hereafter by removing the tips when the laces are new, and winding them for a half inch or so down with sewing silk, using a needle to fasten the end. Men who are annoyed with the tips coming off their laces may supply new tips by twisting the ends with sewing wax. If a shoe lace breaks do not tie it together, but lap the fringed ends and sew them to gether inside, running the sewing thread up through the good part of the lace.

### Invented Cherokee Alphabet.

Sequoyah, inventor of the Cherokee alphabet, was one of the great men of the Indian race. He was a half breed, whose English name was George Guess. His father was a white man and his mother a full-blood Indian woman.

### Never Quit Studying.

One of the troubles with this world is that most of the people in it have the notion that they have to quit studying just as soon as they leave school.—Exchange.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Alma, Mich., Dec. 26, 1917. Adjourned regular meeting of the common council of the city of Alma in session at the council chambers on above date. Meeting called to order by the mayor, Ira H. McKinney at 8 o'clock, p. m. Present—Ald. Smith, Glass, Adams, Ogden, Fullerton and Lake. Absent—Ald. Knoetzer and Chick. There being a quorum present, the council was declared to be in session. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

Aldermen Chick and Knoetzer appeared. Moved by Ald. Ogden and supported by Ald. Lake that the following bills be approved and clerk instructed to issue check for same: Year's Aids, Smith, Glass, Adams, Ogden, Fullerton, Chick, Fullerton and Lake. Nays—none.

**General Fund**  
G. V. Wright, bill, ..... \$12 17  
Republic, bill, ..... 12 26  
Doubleday Bros. Co., bill, ..... 8 16  
J. I. Holcomb, bill, ..... 13 17  
C. M. Johnson, bill, ..... 7 23  
Alma Boiler Mfg. Co., bill, ..... 12 06  
Thos. Mayes, bill, ..... 12 06  
Alma State Savings Bank, bill, ..... 24 76  
The Robert, special police, ..... 1 29  
City Clerk, express and stamps, ..... 6 00  
John Knoetzer, bill, ..... 5 00  
D. W. Adams, bill, ..... 5 00

**Highway Fund**  
City Clerk, cash to laborers, ..... 19 15  
W. H. Kram, labor bill, ..... 15 00  
Glass & Hannan, bill, ..... 25 08

**Water Fund**  
Flower-Stephen, Mfg. Co., bill, ..... 29 60  
A. A. R. Co., freight, ..... 14 78  
Alma-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Pump, ..... 570 00  
Perzerson Supply Co., bill, ..... 4 42  
Richard & Hey Co., Inc., bill, ..... 9 62  
National Motor Co., bill, ..... 7 20  
City Clerk, cash paid out, ..... 51 80  
Wm. Miller, labor, ..... 51 29  
Steve Galeis, labor, ..... 51 50  
Sam Datta, labor, ..... 34 30  
John Kree, labor, ..... 24 47  
John Viehl, labor, ..... 24 64  
Mike Klemm, labor, ..... 24 64  
Ems House, labor, ..... 41 20  
J. A. Bryan, labor, ..... 21 17

**Cemetery Fund**  
J. Hove, labor, ..... 1 00  
G. Mack, labor, ..... 2 00  
Mr. Hainline, labor, ..... 2 00

Moved by Ald. Fullerton and supported by Ald. Chick that the committee appointed to confer with Mr. L. A. Sharp be granted additional time. Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Lake and supported by Ald. Fullerton that the mayor and clerk sign the agreement concerning new street crossing on Republic Ave. between the F. M. R. R. Co. and the City of Alma.

Year's Aids, Smith, Glass, Adams, Ogden, Chick, Fullerton and Lake. Nays—none.

Mayor McKinney appoints C. F. Gross, Fire Warden of the City of Alma, with full power to act, under the above name.

Moved by Ald. Adams, and supported by Ald. Glass that the above appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Ald. Ogden that the council adjourn to Monday evening, December 31, 1917 at 8 o'clock, p. m. Carried.

CARL E. GALLAGHER, City Clerk.  
IRA H. MCKINNEY, Mayor.

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—in—  
"The Golden Idiot"  
also No. 14 "The Fatal Ring"

SATURDAY  
Marjorie Wilson  
—in—  
"Mountain Dew"  
also 2-reel Keystone Comedy,  
"She Needed a Doctor"

SUNDAY  
Wm. S. Hart  
—in—  
"The Narrow Trail"  
(His latest and greatest picture)  
also Triangle Comedy  
Shows continuously from 2:30  
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MONDAY  
Wm. S. Hart  
—in—  
"The Narrow Trail"  
also No. 7 "The Seven Pearls"

New Year's Day  
Chas. Ray  
—in—  
"The Son of His Father"  
(You are sure to like this)  
also Big V Comedy  
Shows continuously from 2:30  
to 10:30

WEDNESDAY  
Roy Stewart  
—in—  
"The Devil Dodger"  
also Triangle Comedy

THURSDAY  
Vivian Martin  
—in—  
"The Trouble Buster"  
also Triangle Comedy

COMING  
Taylor Holmes in "Efficiency  
Edgar's Courtship."  
Mae Marsh in "Sunshine  
Alley."  
Douglas Fairbanks in "The  
Lamb."  
Dorothy Dalton in "The  
Price Mark."  
Geraldine Farrar in "The  
Woman God Forgots."

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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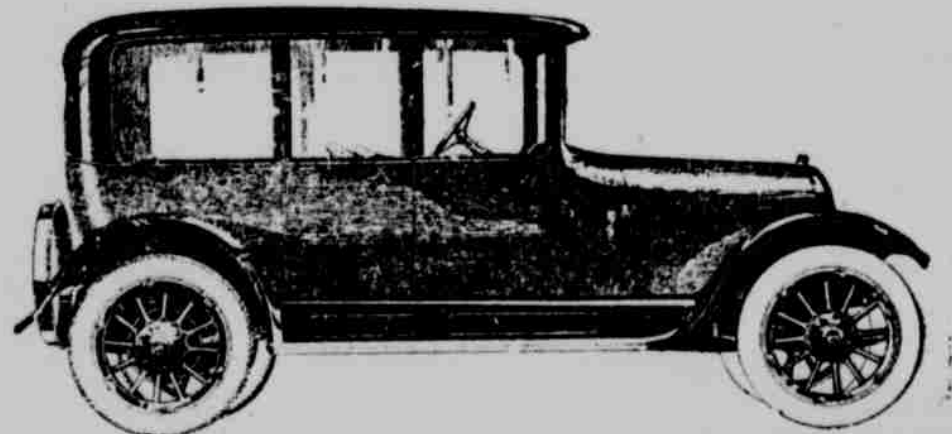
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